These are:—

(i) Ensuring that mining operations are carried out in full conformity with rules and regulations and strictly as per conditions imposed by Director General of Mines Safety,

(ii) No extraction to be done below builltin areas without stowing,

(iii) Restricted working/extraction in case of workings under shallow cover,

(iv) Prohibition of construction activities over areas declared unsafe for habitation.

A Pilot project to stabilise the unstable underground workings by stowing with sand through surface bore-holes has been completed in June, 1988 at Ramjibanpur. The results are under evaluation. On successful techno-economic evaluation of the results, this technique will be extended to other areas.

Inquiry Committees to Look into the Corruption Charges Levelled against Chief Executives of the Public Sector Units

1439. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of inquiry committees set up to inquire into the charges of corruption against the Chief Executives of Public Sector Units under his Ministry during the last three years;

(b) how many of the inquiry reports were against the Chief Executives; and

(c) what are the details of the action taken against such Chief Executives on the basis of the inquiry reports?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Delay in the Publication of Telephone Directories

1440. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for delay in the publication of the new telephone directories, circlewise;

(b) the main reasons for delay in the publication of new telephone directories in U.P. circle; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to avoid such delays in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Closure of Post Offices in U.P.

1441. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices closed down during the last three years in U.P.;

(b) what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the number of persons who have been rendered jobless as a result thereof; and

(d) whether any alternative jobs have been provided to these persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The number of post offices